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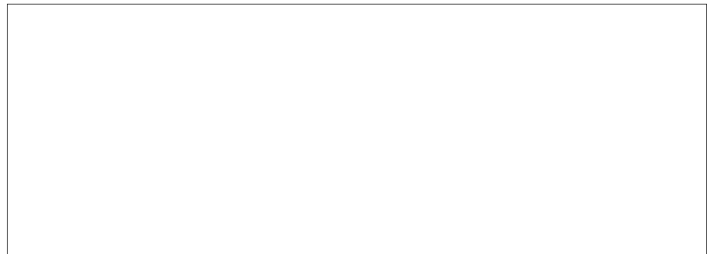
Appended is a catalogue of the North America Arms Corp, Inc., of Toronto, and a belt which was taken from a telephone conversation between Maurice Shorago of Decor International and an official of North America concerning potential shipments in the Latin America area. We have no facilities to transcribe the belt here and would appreciate your having this done for us at your convenience. Please handle the transcript in any way you see fit.



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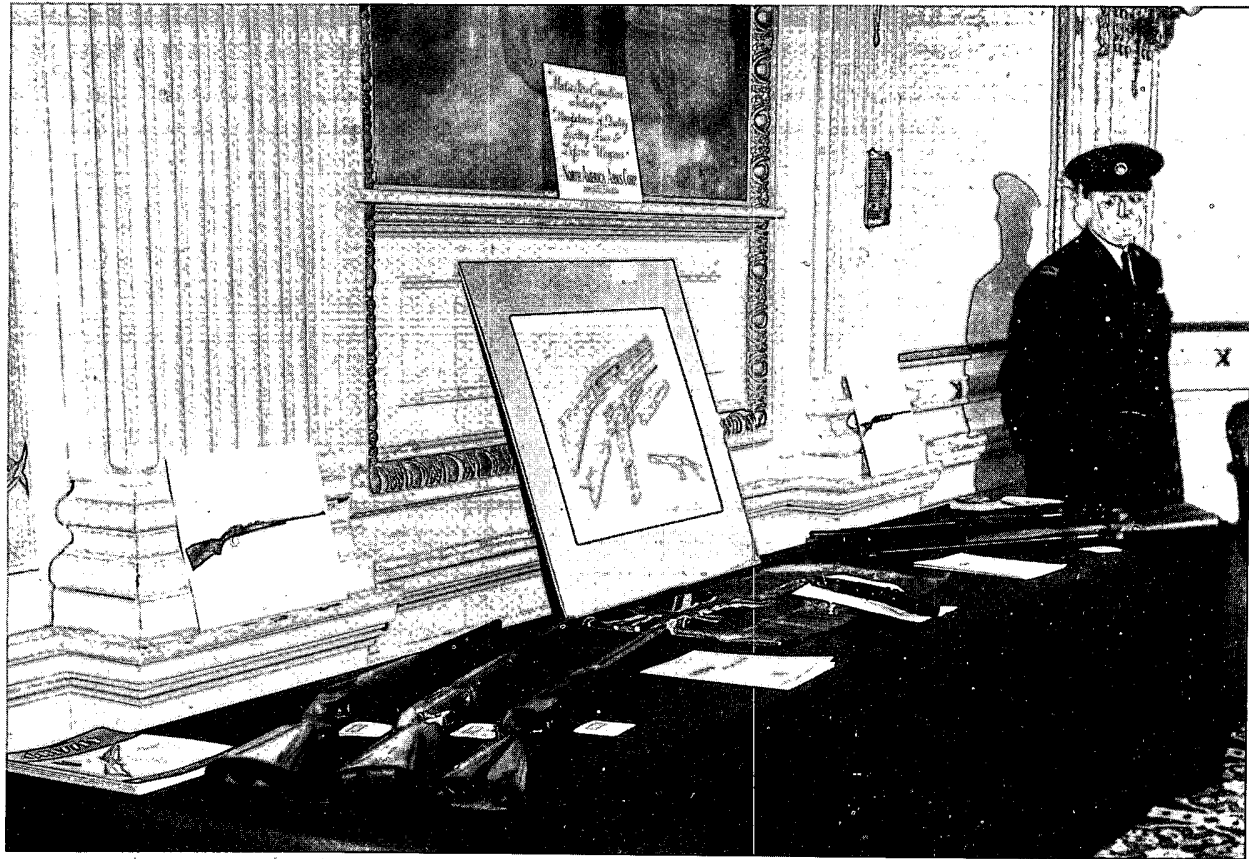
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At the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on December 10, 1959, a reception was held introducing our .45 calibre automatic Brigadier pistol and the Borealis submachine gun. At the same time the Brigadier pistol was test fired by members of the Canadian Army at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police firing range in Ottawa. The reception in Ottawa was attended by interested officials of the Canadian Government and the Governments of some fourteen foreign nations.

We have prepared this brief memorandum respecting the Ottawa reception for our friends and associates who were unable to be present.

**NORTH AMERICA ARMS CORPORATION LTD.**  
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The following is the text of the press release issued in Ottawa on December 10th, 1959:

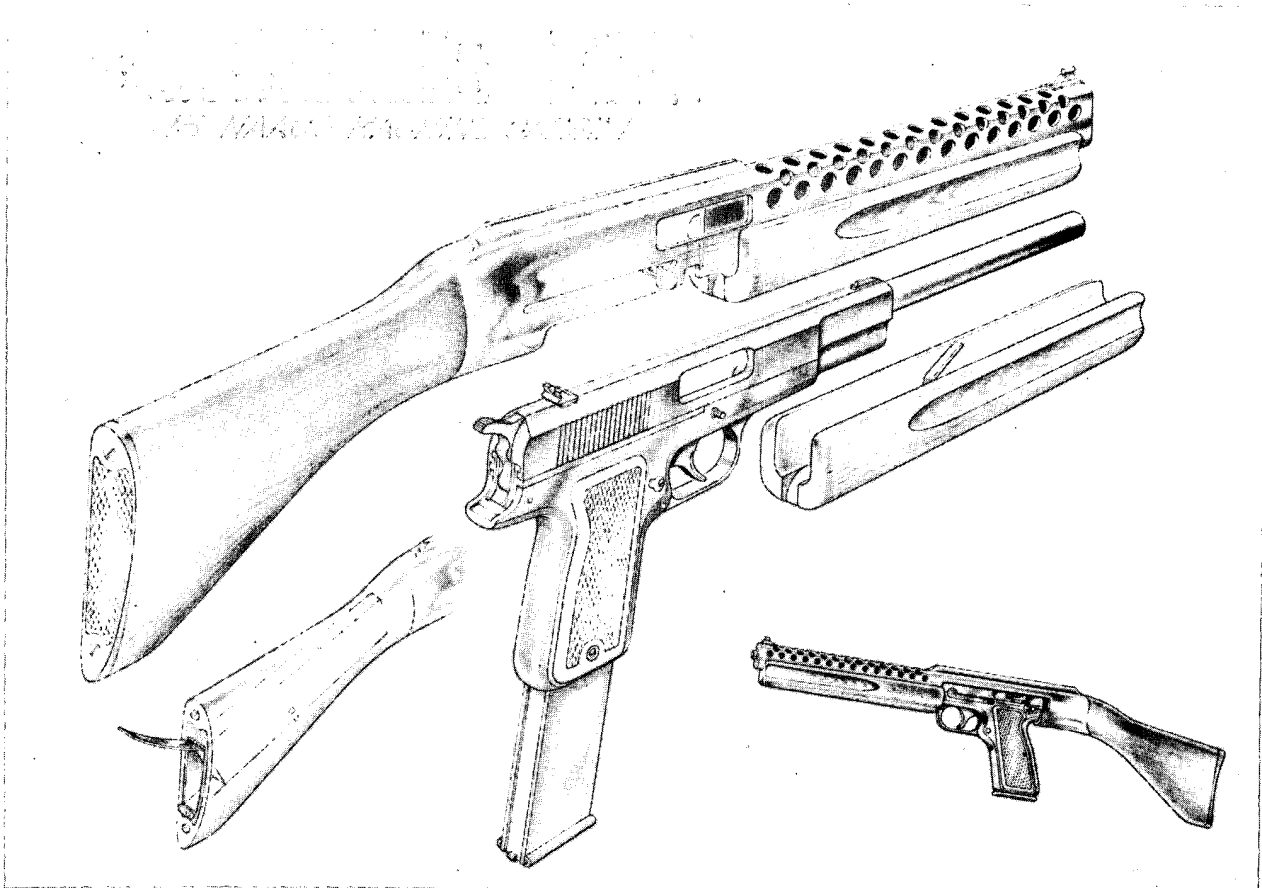
A new automatic .45 calibre pistol of completely Canadian design and development was test-fired today at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Range in Ottawa. Manufactured by the North American Arms Corporation Ltd. in Toronto, the new automatic "Brigadier" pistol is the most powerful in the world. It has a number of unique features, one being the entirely replaceable operating mechanism, which can be changed in a matter of seconds.

Since wild west days the .45 cartridge has remained unchanged. It has always been powerful, but of short range and not highly accurate. All pistols up to now could not handle a more powerful cartridge than the .38. The new Canadian "Brigadier" .45 has more than twice the power of the old wild west .45. It also has much greater range with extreme accuracy.

The automatic mechanism is firmly, mechanically locked when fired, and can be fired with the hammer depressed. It is the only locked, non-gas operated mechanism of heavy calibre in existence today. The "Brigadier" .45 is not subject to extreme temperature changes, and is effective for both Arctic and tropical service. It fires nine rounds of the "Naaco" .45 cartridge, which is several times more powerful than the standard .45 calibre round. The gun is designed for the new cartridge and has a low recoil, comparable to smaller pistols of 9 mm. calibre. The weight of the "Brigadier" .45 is less than that of the service .45 calibre revolver.

Of great military significance is the fact that the new Canadian pistol fits into a specially designed air-cooled frame, which converts it into a twenty round sub-machine gun of devastating power. Named the "Borealis", the .45 calibre sub-machine gun is an excellent close combat weapon with tremendous stopping and penetrative power. Its flat, slim contour and light weight makes the "Borealis" an ideal paratroop and assault weapon.

A first as a Canadian arms achievement, the "Brigadier" automatic pistol and its adaptation the "Borealis" .45 sub-machine gun is regarded as a breakthrough in small arms design. It is creating much interest in foreign countries.



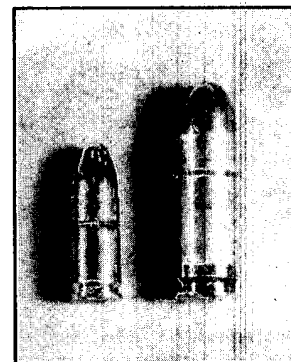
The above depicts our Borealis submachine gun. This assault and close defence weapon has been developed to deliver more than twice the hitting power of available LMGs. It is especially adapted for service in forward areas under severe climatic conditions. The removable and replaceable unitary mechanism of exclusive design, eliminates servicing and repair problems enabling the weapon to be used with maximum effectiveness under all conditions.

Service modifications for military usage have been incorporated in a modified design now in the process of being tooled for production.



Major-General J. V. Allard, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., Vice-Chief of the Canadian General Staff and Major-General Chris Vokes, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., Chairman of the Board of North American Arms Corporation Limited, are shown examining the Brigadier pistol.

The accompanying photograph shows our .45 NAACO cartridge developed and manufactured by us. Beside it is shown for comparison the 9mm. cartridge which is used in many countries of the world. The .45 NAACO cartridge is the most powerful automatic pistol cartridge and delivers a hitting power with the Brigadier pistol and Borealis machine gun unmatched in destructive effect and accuracy.







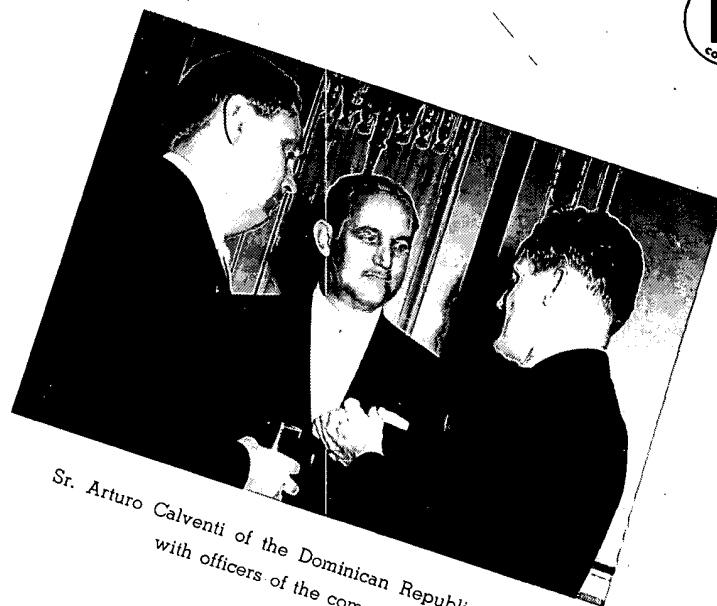
Mr. J. R. Cavanagh of North America Arms and Mr. G. W. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Defence Production are examining the Brigadier Pistol.

An interested foreign military attache and Mr. Robert Herman, master gunsmith of North America Arms, examine the Brigadier.



A group of North America Arms shareholders examines some of the Company's products.





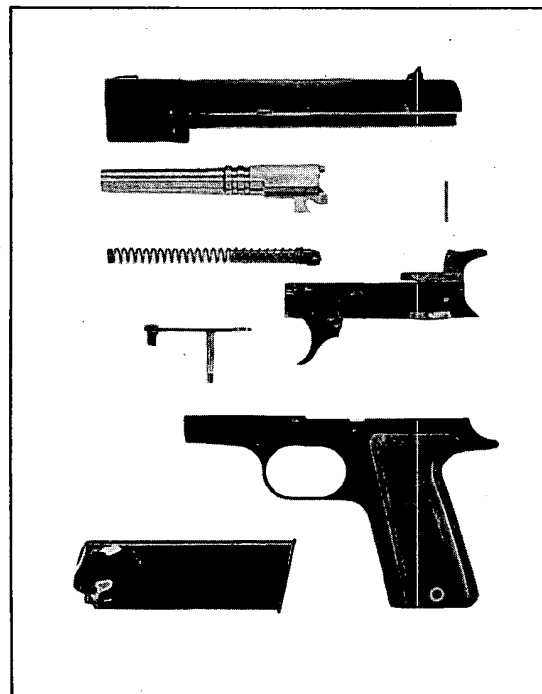
*Sr. Arturo Calventi of the Dominican Republic chats with officers of the company.*



Interested Military Attaches examine Pistol.

Mr. J. M. Dymond of the Canadian Department of Defence Production discusses continued development of company products with Mr. Cavanagh and Mr. G. C. Beckett, a director of the Company.





### GENERAL DATA ON .45 NAACO BRIGADIER

#### Pistol Data

Calibre	.45 NAACO
Total length of arm	9 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches
Length of Barrel	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Height of arm minus rear sight	6 inches
Width of arm with grips	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches
Number of Grooves	6
Direction of Twist	Right
Weight of arm (less Magazine)	44 ozs.
Weight of arm (Magazine full)	51 ozs.
Number cartridges in Magazine	8
Number of parts in arm	54

#### Pistol Features

1. Double Action.
2. NAACO Alloy Aluminum Frame (Lightweight)
3. Unitary Action—Consisting of complete operating mechanism which provides necessary steel rails for slide and rapid field replacement of operating parts as a unit.
4. Rapid and simple takedown.
5. Complete safety—allowing gun to be holstered with hammer in at rest position and fired in emergency by double action.
6. Highest powered "**Automatic Pistol**" in existence.

#### Cartridge — .45 NAACO

Weight of Bullet	230 Grain
Weight of Cartridge	
1800 cartridges per hundred pounds	
Muzzle Velocity	1,600 Ft./Sec.
Muzzle Energy	1,304 Ft./Lbs.



Major-General J. V. Allard fires pistol.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Forrest.



Major-General Chris Vokes takes aim.



## NEWSPAPER QUOTATIONS OF INTEREST

Toronto Globe & Mail, Ont.  
December 11, 1959

### Arms Salesman Has Gun, Prefers Billies

From the Ottawa Bureau of the Globe & Mail  
Ottawa, Dec. 10 — The head of a Canadian arms manufacturing firm, who was here today to show off a new pistol, said he would much rather see Canadian police armed with English-type billies.

Major-General Chris Vokes, chairman of the board of the North American Arms Corp. Ltd., of Toronto, who retired from the army as General Officer Commanding Western Command last July said he considered the billy a much more effective weapon in law enforcement than the pistol.

He said British policemen wielding billies can deal deft blows to the more aggressive law offenders, but then, he conceded, British criminals, unlike many Canadian counterparts, think it unsporting to carry a gun.

However, he doesn't want to discourage any police force from buying his firm's new Brigadier automatic .45 calibre pistol. He'll gladly fill any order.

Ottawa Citizen, Ont.  
December 11, 1959

### Show Gun Despite Secrecy

By Greg Connolly  
Citizen Parliamentary Writer

A Canadian-developed combination pistol-machine carbine was given its first public showing Thursday amid confused reports the army wanted it placed in the secret list.

The weapon, known as the Borealis is manufactured by North American Arms Company, Toronto, whose board chairman is retired General Chris Vokes.

General Vokes very proudly had the .45 caliber gun on display and firing for army, RCMP and press. Then an embarrassed firm official announced the army had declared that nothing was to be written about it.

The top army man on hand was Major-General Jean Allard, vice-chief of the general staff. It was true General Allard had said it would be premature to talk about the weapon at this time, but what he meant was that it was far too early to say if the army was interested in the Borealis.

After this explanation, the censorship veil was lifted and the firing of the pistol proceeded.

The Borealis may be used as a pistol or as a machine carbine. To convert it to this latter use, a barrel and butt are readily attached. It can also be stripped down rapidly again for use as a pistol.

General Allard said it seemed to be a very fine weapon.

He added: "We are certainly not closing our eyes to anything made in Canada."

La Presse, Montreal, Que.  
December 11, 1959

### Pistolet de fabrication canadienne

(De notre édition finale d'hier)

Ottawa, 10. (par A.G.) — Un groupe de militaires, de policiers et de journalistes ont assisté, à midi, la présentation d'un nouveau pistolet, entièrement fabriqué au Canada, le "Brigadier", de calibre .45.

Ce pistolet peut se transformer, a dit le général C. Vokes, président du bureau de direction de la North America Arms Corp. de Toronto, en une mitrailleuse pouvant être utilisée à des fins militaires.

Actuellement les forces armées canadiennes utilisent des pistolets de 9 mm.

Le général Jean-V Allard, chef adjoint de l'état-major de l'armée canadienne, présent à cet exercice, a toutefois signalé que l'armée canadienne n'a aucun commentaire à faire sur l'utilisation militaire possible du "Brigadier" transformé en "boréales" pour la simple et bonne raison qu'on n'en a vu jusqu'ici que les plans. Il a ajouté que le "Brigadier" est certainement un bon pistolet, mais que ceux qui sont déjà utilisés par l'armée sont également fort efficaces.

Le général Allard a rappelé, incidemment, que durant la dernière guerre, les Allemands et les Alliés utilisaient des pistolets de même calibre. "J'ai moi-même utilisé un P-38 allemand pendant une bonne partie de la guerre", a dit le général Allard.

Le "Brigadier" pèse 2 livres et demie et une partie de sa fabrication est d'aluminium. On le décrit comme le "plus puissant pistolet jamais fabriqué". Il coûte \$200 environ.

—Et l'Armée?

—Il serait prématuré de porter tout jugement, en ce qui nous concerne, a réitéré le général Allard.



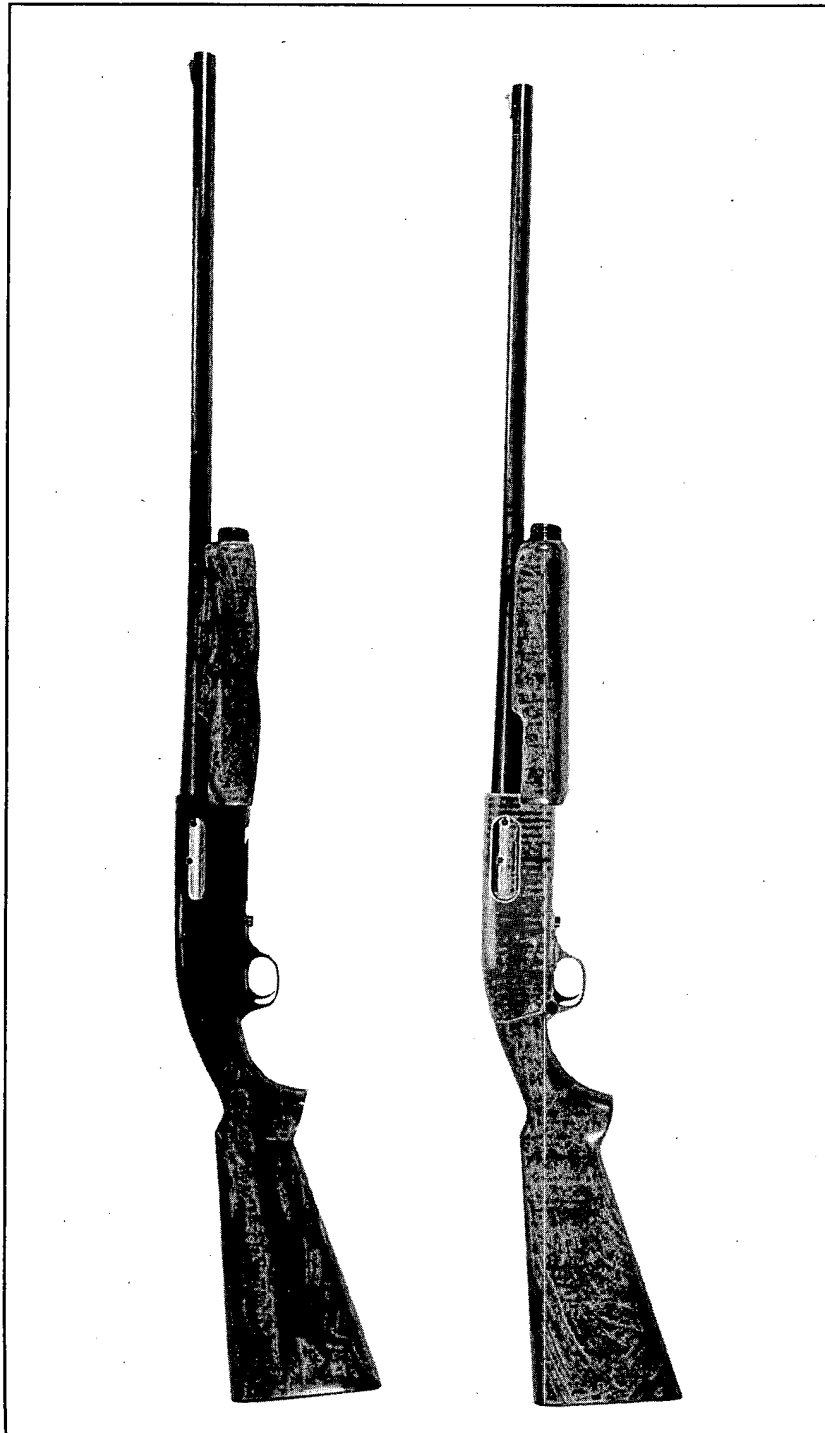


1. Grizzly .308 Cal.

2. Homestead .308 Cal. 7.62 m.m. NATO .

3. Grizzly .22 Cal.

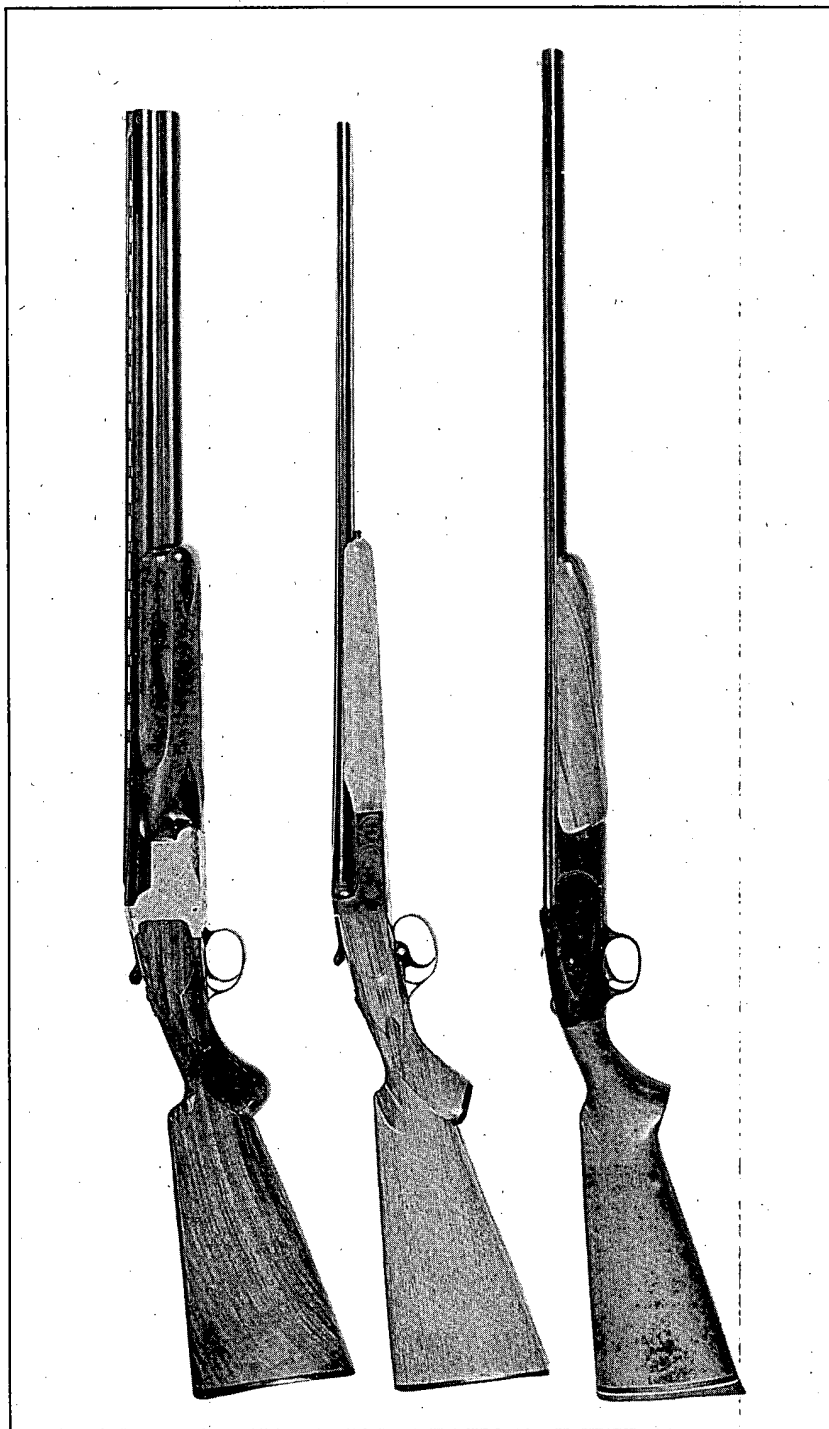
**NAACO BOLT ACTION RIFLES**



1. La Salle 12G.

2. Mallard 12G.

**NAACO PUMP ACTION SHOTGUNS**



1. Nikko Over/under.

2. Matador Double B.

3. Mallard Single Shot

**NAACO HINGED BARREL SHOTGUNS**





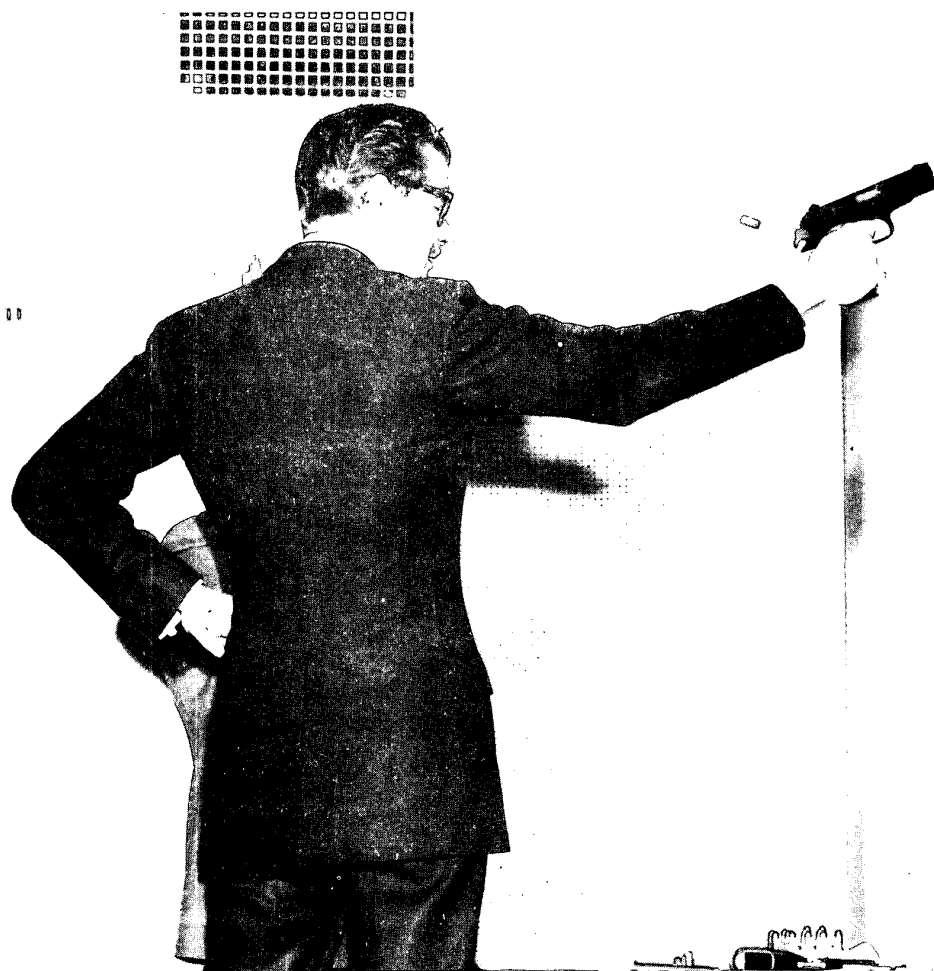
Another NAACO Pistol, the "UNIQUE" .22 Calibre.



Managing Director

W. C. Miller

with shareholders discussing the military usage of the Homestead rifle chambered for .308 calibre and 7.62 NATO ammunition.



Major General R. W. Moncel, D.S.O., O.B.E. — Quarter-master General demonstrates the low throw-up and quick slide return of the Brigadier pistol during firing.

